



## CASCADE COUNTY

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POLICY OFFICE**

November 25, 2014

Montana Environmental Quality Council  
PO Box 201704  
Helena, MT 59620-1704

RE: FONSI Neighborworks Rehab Project

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a FONSI publication for the proposed CDBG – Neighborworks Great Falls Rehab Project. The project once certified for funding by the Montana Department of Commerce is intended to market to residents in Cascade County outside of the entitlement community of Great Falls for projects to bring homes to code as well as identify abandoned properties that could be used as infill. The funds would be available throughout Cascade County, but the emphasis of efforts will be in the communities of Black Eagle and Sun Prairie Village. There are no specific projects at this time and once authorized for funding it is the intention of NeighborWorks Great Falls to work with Cascade County to identify and then submit each project for approval of funding specific to the project. This will necessitate additional environmental review for each specific project with appropriate publication.

Please review the enclosed document and respond with any comment no later than December 15, 2014 to the following address:

Cascade County Commission Office  
325 2nd Ave N Room 111  
Great Falls, MT 59401

If you have any questions, please call Kim Thiel-Schaaf, Grant Manager, at (406) 454-6759.

Sincerely,

Kimberliegh L. Thiel-Schaaf  
Grant Manager

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

November 30, 2014

Cascade County Commission

325 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Room 111

Great Falls, Montana 59401

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named County is certifying a Finding of No Significant Impact for the following project:

Neighborworks – Housing Rehab Project  
CDBG Project Title or Name

The scope of the project will include home repairs for health, safety, code and blight removal; replacement of manufactured or other homes that are beyond their useful life; new construction of vacant, infill development residential properties, and/or demolition activities which result in the redevelopment of residential properties as the direct activity, as established in the one-to-one replacement guidance. Blighted structures targeted for demolition will be designated as "blighted" by the local government.

Purpose or Nature of the Project

Cascade County Montana with emphasis on Black Eagle and Sun Prairie Village, Montana

### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that the project, as described above, will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows (*Set forth reasons for decision.*):

This NeighborWorks – Housing Rehab Project will identify individual projects on an ongoing basis once approved. As each house is identified and the homeowner is approved for the program, a house by house and project specific impact will be resubmitted to the Montana Department of Commerce for consideration of that project's specific impact. At that time a project specific EA or FONSI will be issued so for the intent of getting the application to establish this rehabilitation program in Cascade County we find there is no significant impact at this time.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is also available at the offices of Neighborworks Great Falls located at 506 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Great Falls, Montana.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of project funds. The project may be funded with [Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 AND/OR the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974]. The above-named (City, Town, or County) will notify the public at a later date when it intends to request release of the aforementioned funds.

#### Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons wishing to comment on this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to the office of the undersigned on or before December 15 2014 *to be considered by Cascade County in making this Finding of No Significant Impact.*

After the notification of the intent to request release of funds process is complete, the Cascade County intends to undertake the project described above Cascade County is certifying to DOC that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for Cascade County in his or her official capacity as consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

Bill Salina, Cascade County Commission Chair

Name of Environmental Certifying  
Officer or Chief Elected Official

November 24, 2014

Date

Courthouse Annex, 325 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North

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City, County, State, Zip Code